UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK	37	
ELLIOT STEIN AND DORINDA MEDLEY,	X	
Petitioners,	I	ndex No. 14-CV-3635(LLS)
-against-	Ē	RESPONDENT'S ANSWER
ROBERT CHEEVERS,		
Respondent.	X	
Respondent, Robert Cheevers, by his attorn	eys, Bus	shell, Sovak, Ozer &
Gulmi LLP, as and for the Answer to the Petition i	n the ab	ove-entitled action,

1. Respondent admits the allegations in contained paragraph 1 of Petitioners' Petition.

respectfully alleges as follows:

- 2. Respondent admits the allegations in contained paragraph 2 of Petitioners' Petition.
- 3. Respondent admits the allegations in contained paragraph 3 of Petitioners' Petition.
- 4. Respondent refers all questions of law to the Court and otherwise denies the remaining allegations contained in paragraph 4 of Petitioners' Petition.
- 5. Respondent refers all questions of law to the Court and refers the finder of fact to the referenced operating agreement, which speaks for itself, and otherwise denies the remaining allegations contained in paragraph 5 of Petitioners' Petition.

- 6. Respondent refers the finder of fact to the referenced Operating
  Agreement, which speaks for itself, and otherwise denies any remaining allegations
  contained in paragraph 6 of Petitioners' Petition.
- 7. Respondent admits he did not fully participate in any AAA mediation, and otherwise denies knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the remaining factual allegations contained in paragraph 7 of Petitioners' Petition.
- 8. Respondent admits he did not fully participate in any AAA mediation, and otherwise denies knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the remaining factual allegations contained in paragraph 8 of Petitioners' Petition.
- 9. Respondent denies the allegations contained in paragraph 9 of Petitioners' Petition, except admits that he did not fully participate in the referenced Arbitration.
- 10. In response to the allegations contained in paragraph 10 of thePetitioner's Petition, Respondent refers the finder of fact to the referenced February4, 2014 Arbitration award which speaks for itself.
- 11. In response to the allegations contained in paragraph 11 of thePetitioner's Petition, Respondent refers the finder of fact to the referenced February4, 2014 Arbitration award which speaks for itself.
- 12. In response to the allegations contained in paragraph 12 of thePetitioner's Petition, Respondent refers the finder of fact to the referenced February4, 2014 Arbitration award which speaks for itself.

- 13. Respondent refers all questions of law to the Court and otherwise denies the remaining allegations contained in paragraph 13 of Petitioners' Petition.
- 14. Respondent denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the veracity of the factual allegations contained in paragraph 14 of Petitioners' Petition.

## **Answering the Prayer for Relief**

15. Respondent denies Petitioners are entitled to the relief sought.

## **Petitioner's Affirmative Defenses**

Respondent denies all allegations which otherwise have not been expressly admitted in this Answer. Additionally, Respondent asserts the following affirmative defenses to Petitioners' Petition, without prejudice to its denials and all other statements in its answer and elsewhere. By asserting these defenses, Respondent does not assume the burden of proof on these defenses when substantive law provides otherwise.

- 1. The Petition fails to state claims upon which relief may be granted against Respondent in Petitioners' favor.
- 2. Petitioners and Respondent are operating under a valid Operating Agreement and Petitioners have failed to comply with the dispute resolution and arbitration requirements contained in the same.
- 3. Petitioners have not suffered any injury to its business or property by reason of any alleged conduct by Respondent.

## WHEREFORE, Respondent Robert Cheevers demands judgment against Petitioners as follows:

(i) dismissing Petitioners' Petition in its entirety.

Dated: New York, New York July 10, 2014

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